

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

May 5, 2009

The Madison recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday May 5, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Recreation Advisory Board President Michael Ray.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by Recreation Department Personnel Gayle Milam and recorded as follows:

MBA President Anthony Dupree	Absent
Westco President David Mobley	Absent
Madison Dolphins President Cindy Davis	Present
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Absent
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Absent
Board Member Charles Duffy	Absent
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President Mike Ray	Present
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Present

Also in attendance was Lisa Preston, Recreation Department staff member.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Recreation Department's Policies and Procedures are still being revised, staffed and edited and should be ready for the June meeting.

Mike Cassell addressed the entrance and fence recommendations at Palmer and explained that the fence was designed to protect the water and gas main lines; however, another look at the situation to allow an easier exit at the point in question would be looked at again by him.

The sub committee to look at construction of multiple restrooms at Dublin has two members from AYSO. Michael Ray has agreed to chair this sub committee until a chair

person can be determined. Michael also asked Cliff Lanham and Charles Duffy to set on the committee. Could AYSO have the sub committee members attend the next meeting?

Bobby Jackson stated the Facilities Agreement and Letter of Understanding has been edited and in the process of being staffed. This agreement should be ready for the June meeting.

Cindy Davis reported that the Dolphin summer team was in the process of registration and practices would be starting soon.

Lisa Sheffield reported that the fences at the new Dublin fields are complete. Registration for the fall soccer will be conducted May 12th and 2 more registrations are scheduled in June.

Michael Ray and Mike Cassell discussed the possibility of revenue producing ideas. Mike had been to Cullman with the Lacrosse and observed their approach to revenue enhancements and tournament shared revenues.

Mike Cassell let everyone know that the fields would be back in operation by the end of the week. Field and facilities usage has been reduced and closed for the past two weeks due to the Flu control measures applied to the city and county closure and or reduction of school attendance.

Mike also explained the revenue derived from concessions at the softball and baseball games and that the money was being reapplied back to the recreation programs. In other cases the athletic organizations within the city also did a fantastic job of donations of money and manpower to help operate the city recreation department.

In this re-guard 13 May has been set aside for volunteer work at Palmer. Also there is a plan in progress to increase the parking at Palmer with the removal of one or more of the older buildings.

Judy Meiers advised the members that an Older American Festival will be held at Sharon Johnston Park in New Market on Tuesday, May 12th. It is for seniors 60 years and older. It's a picnic and the seniors look forward to it each year. We've sold over 60 tickets. The Seniors come from 5 surrounding counties.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 pm on 2 June2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.